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Briefing Sheet for the Chairman, JCS on a report processed under FM 97

Subject: JCS 1907/511 Relationship Between Possible Uprising in East Berlin or East Germany and Military Operations Related to Berlin (C)

Background - On 17 August 1961 JCS approved a report which concluded, inter alia, that consideration should be given to the political circumstances under which US and Allied overt or covert intervention in an East German uprising would be desirable. Two sets of circumstances were foreseen:

a. An uprising occurring at a time when there is no overt US and Allied involvement in armed conflict but during a period of increasing tension.

b. An uprising occurring (or deliberately instigated) when US and Allied military operations to probe or restore access to Berlin are already underway.

- At their Paris meeting (August 1961) the Foreign Ministers instructed the Quadripartite Ambassadorial Group to keep the situation in East Germany under constant review. For that purpose an East German Sub-group was formed.

- The East German Sub-group drafted a paper which covered from an Allied point of view the circumstance of a. above. The Ambassadorial Group approved the paper on 1 December 1961 and its "Rules of Conduct", guidance for instructions to Allied and West German personnel serving near the zonal or sector borders, are being implemented quadripartitely.

- The US element of the Sub-group prepared a draft paper for circumstance b. above for eventual submission to the Ambassadorial Group. Comments on the draft from the US Embassies, Bonn and Moscow, US Mission, Berlin and USCINCEUR were obtained. These comments were considered in redrafting the paper which has now been furnished to the British, French and German Embassies and will be tabled in the East German Sub-group.

Current Report - Contains a memorandum for SecDef which advises that the JCS find the US draft paper on the subject an appropriate means for quadripartite consideration of the question and recommends SecDef support the presentation of the paper to the Quadripartite Ambassadorial Group.

Comments and Recommendations - It is recommended that the Chairman, JCS support the report as written and that it be processed in accordance with JCS Policy Memo 97.

Approved by W. M. M. SACSA

Opinion as to Recommendation:

Top Director, Joint Staff [Signature] (Concurs) (Noneconcurs)

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